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Nursing Home Exemption is Opposed; GHI Townhouse Project to Proceed

by Sid Kastner

At last Thursday night's regular meeting of the G.H.I. board of directors, the pros and cons of the proposed nursing home for senior citizens at 22 Ridge Road were discussed. As at the previous city council hearing Monday night, most of those speaking on the record opposed it while the Rev. Edward Birner of the Lutheran Church gave reasons why his congregation had proceeded with it.

The townhouse project is moving forward; Director Nat Shinderman reported that his Larger Homes committee has met with G.H.I. members who placed themselves on the list of prospective buyers. He noted that the list is still open for any others who are interested.

The Rev. Birner said that his church would have preferred not to sell the property, in view of its excellent location in the midst of a growing population center. The congregation had wanted to build a home for the aged, but were not able to even by appealing to the upper levels of the Lutheran Synod. He expressed some disappointment that G.H.I. or the city of Greenbelt had not come forth with any offer. At any rate, he concluded, the present prospective buyer (who proposes to build the 200-bed nursing home) had made the only firm offer the church has received to date, an offer in the vicinity of \$100,000.

Before Birner spoke, representatives of residents adjacent to 22 Ridge presented a petition opposing the nursing home, which argued that it would provide an opening wedge for undesirable rezoning of adjacent areas. They expressed fears concerning the traffic problems that might arise, noting that visibility is particularly bad at that part of Ridge Road. Ted Pritzker noted that in Montgomery County such an institution is considered to be more appropriately located among high-rise structures and on wider streets. Another member of the audience felt that traffic hazards would be especially increased during the day for children on their way to and from school.

Director John O'Reilly opposed the idea as an attempt to get commercial zoning in a residential neighborhood. He voiced the belief that a special exception should be granted only for a "compelling reason"; an example of this would be a doctor's office. Director Katherine Keene joined the opposition saying that she personally would not want a "perfectly enormous" 200 bed nursing home some hundreds of yards from her own home; there would be an incinerator, waste, etc. She also was unconvinced, she said, by a statement made at the city council meeting, that a staff of 40 would be sufficient for the institution.

Director Jim Smith took a more neutral position, saying that more information was needed on what alternatives were possible. Pritzker thought the idea of another church would be acceptable to adjacent residents. Miss Keene asked why the church could not simply keep the land, since it is tax-exempt; she suggested as another possibility that it might be of interest to the city as an addition to the Youth Center.

On a motion by O'Reilly, the board voted unanimously to oppose the special exception for the nursing home and urge that the property be developed in a manner compatible with its surroundings.

Townhouses

Shinderman told of the meeting, on December 23, between his Larger Homes committee, some board members, and about twenty people who have expressed interest in buying the townhouses. The details of the financing and the consequent monthly charges were discussed. As reported earlier in the News Review, the construction loan and mortgage have been

placed at an interest rate of 7 1/2%. This rate, which seemed high at the time, now appears to the board to be almost attractive in view of the increase in the bank prime rate.

Thirteen of the twenty people present indicated they wanted to proceed, while five withdrew. There are 38 individuals on the entire list at present. Shinderman said that all of these have now been contacted, and the result is that at present there are twenty who have expressed serious interest in buying. Since twenty-five townhouses are to be built, there is still room for others who may be interested. The same eligibility criteria which were used in selecting buyers for the four separate homes (family size, income, etc.) will be considered. Also, almost the same perpetual ownership contract will be used, with some changes to take account of the different financing. The minimum downpayment will be 10% plus an amount which will depend on the family head's income.

Mortgage Moratorium

O'Reilly, for the Finance committee, reported on the committee's exploration of the possibility of delaying mortgage payments to F.N.M.A. This has been suggested (continued page 7, col. 2)

Giese Offers Procedures To Grant Employee Awards

City manager James Giese outlined to city council at its Jan. 6 meeting a procedure for making awards to persons and city employees for outstanding services performed.

Giese proposed that city employees be granted a monetary award or a U. S. Savings Bond for outstanding service. Such awards would be made annually by the city council either at the end of a calendar year or a fiscal year. The award would be given for performance of duties over and above those normally expected of an employee. The award might be made for a special act of significance or for exceptional performance of a job over a period of time. There would be no limitation on the number of awards granted each year and the council might decide based upon nominations to give several or none at all.

To be considered for such an award, it is proposed that an employee be nominated by a citizen, member of council, the city manager, a department head, or a fellow employee.

Giese proposed a similar monetary or U. S. Savings Bond award for citizens who make an outstanding contribution to the betterment of the community. In this case nominations would be made by any citizen, city employee, or city councilman, with the decisions being made by the city council, with no limit as to the number of awards being made in a year.

Citizens' awards could be issued at some special recognition ceremony. City employee awards could be issued at the same ceremony or at the annual recognition ceremony for employees.

WHAT GOES ON

Monday, Jan. 20, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building
8:15 p.m. GCS Greenbelt Delegation Meeting. Co-op Hospitality Room

VFDRS Elects Officers

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. installed the following as its officers for the year 1969 at the regular meeting on January 1, 1969; President: Joseph G. Wenrich; Vice-President: Marshall H. Zoellner; Treasurer: Ernest P. Varda; Secretary: Bruce J. Munro; Chief: H. J. 'John' Crisman; Deputy Chief: W. Vince Dutton; Captain: Richard E. Bragonje; Lieutenant (Fire): William R. Bingham; Lieutenant (Rescue): Michael R. Kerr; Sergeants (Fire): James W. Bordas, Norman E. Wolfson; Sergeants (Rescue): Wesley R. Shifflett, Paul C. Leibe; Fire Marshall: Joseph G. Wenrich; Superintendent of Machinery: Robert P. Pergola; Trustees of the Department: J. Paul Williams, George M. Clinedinst, Sr., Paul M. Rousseau, Francis B. Kolbenschlag.

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of City Council

Monday, Jan. 20, 1969
8 p.m.

I ORGANIZATION

- 1 Call to Order
- 2 Roll Call
- 3 Lord's Prayer
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- 4 Minutes of Regular Meeting January 6, 1969 and Special Meeting January 13, 1969
- 5 Additions to the Agenda by Councilmen and Manager

II COMMUNICATION

- 6 Bid Openings -
A. Center Mall Improvements
B. Miscellaneous Paving Construction
- 7 Petitions and Requests
- 8 Administrative Reports
- 9 Committee Reports

III OLD BUSINESS

- 10 Appointments to Boards
- 11 Request for Improvement of Lake Area
- 12 Additional Polling Place - Springhill Lake
- 13 Awards

IV NEW BUSINESS

- 14 Resolution to Transfer Funds Within Departments - 1st reading
- 15 State Legislation
- 16 State Roads Commission Statement on the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital Region
- 17 Additional Contract Work - Municipal Service Building Complex
- 18 W.S.S.C. - Spillway Channel Structure at Greenbelt Lake

V Miscellaneous

CITY COUNCIL VOTES FOR DENIAL OF PETITION FOR NURSING HOME

by Elaine Skolnik

Another large crowd turned out at a special meeting on Monday, Jan. 13, to hear the city council's decision on the request for a special exception for a 200-bed nursing home on the 3-acre property presently owned by the Lutheran Church at 22 Ridge Road, supplemented by 2 acres from adjacent vacant land (parcel 2). The Church, which is being relocated to Greenbelt Rd. in a new sanctuary, has a conditional contract with a developer, Robert Johnson, for sale of the property, provided a special exception is approved by the county commissioners at a hearing scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 15.

After listening sympathetically to the plea of the congregation, the council moved to recommend to the county commissioners denial of the petition for a nursing home, but at the same time approved the establishment of an ad hoc committee to assist the Church in disposing of its 3 acre property in a satisfactory manner if the Commissioners denied the petition. Both actions were by unanimous vote of council.

Mayor Edgar Smith said the denial was a difficult decision, but there was legitimate concern about the effect of the special exception on Ridge Road and the northeast section of the city. He thought private enterprise on Ridge Road would constitute a change in the use of the land. He did not believe that there was a need for this type of enterprise in light of the existence of the Greenbelt Convalescent Center a half-mile away which, he said, should meet the needs of Greenbelt.

City Council Opposes Jaeger Tract Petition

Petitions for a special exception which would permit construction of an excess of bedroom apartment units on the remaining 50 acres of vacant land on the Jaeger tract were viewed unfavorably by the city council at its Monday meeting. It recommended denial of the petitions to the county commissioners, who will consider them at a meeting on January 15.

The Jaeger tract, which is located on the eastern side of Kenilworth Ave. one-half mile south of Greenbelt Road, is presently zoned for high-density apartments (R-H, R-10). Council felt that the land should be developed in accordance with an ordinance recently passed by the county commissioners, restricting the number of applicable bedroom unit percentages in multiple family apartments.

Council also noted that since the original intent of the owners, B. Francis Saul II and Carl Jaeger, Jr., was not to rent to families with children, there did not appear to be a need for larger units.

According to city manager, James K. Giese, there would be a net increase of some 120 bedrooms over the number permitted under the county ordinance if the petitions were granted by the commissioners. Proposed are approximately 2410 apartments. The new ordinance provides that in multiple-family apartments, the aggregate two and three bedroom apartments cannot be more than 50% of the total, and of the 50% figure, no more than one-fifth can be three bedrooms.

LATE BULLETIN

The Prince Georges County Commissioners sitting as the District Council on Wednesday, January 13, approved the application for additional bedroom units.

An application before the Prince Georges Planning Board for C-2 zoning for a section of the tract has been deferred for six months upon the request of the owners and developers.

In addition, the owners had hoped to trade a section at the southern end of their property, jutting into the national park, for the corner property at the intersection of Greenbelt Rd. and Kenilworth Ave. The Greenbelt City Council, however, has gone on record as opposing the exchange of property because it would open the way for further commercial development along Greenbelt Road. In any event, if any of the latter requests are granted in the future, they would supersede any action taken by the commissioners.

Councilman Francis White said that council had to consider the Greenbelt residents who desire that their environment remain stable and healthy. He thought it possible that the nursing home would change this environment. He also felt that such a proposal would constitute a change in the character of land use which would have a serious effect on adjacent properties.

Church Commended

Councilman Dick Pilski commended the Lutheran Church for its presentation and the manner in which it sought community approval of the nursing home. The Rev. Edward Birner, who was the chief spokesman for the Church, stressed the fact that the Church was concerned about its Greenbelt neighbors and wanted the property developed in a manner advantageous to the people of Greenbelt. Recognizing that the petition put the council in a difficult political position, he hoped that the council would make no recommendation or at least refrain from vehement opposition.

The Church had been unsuccessful in getting its synod to develop the land itself, or in getting the City, Greenbelt Homes, Inc., or a non-profit group to purchase the property. The Rev. Birner thought the nursing home proposal would be of service to people, would not tax the services or road system of the city, and would not be detrimental to the adjacent land. A. J. Greene, also of the Church, noted

LATE BULLETIN

The Prince Georges County Commissioners sitting as the District Council on Wednesday, January 15, voted 3 to 0 to deny the request for a special exception for a nursing and care home for senior citizens on Lutheran Church property. Denial was based on the grounds that the applicant had not proved that (1) the nursing home would be in harmony with the neighborhood and (2) that there would not be an adverse effect on traffic and property values. Voting to deny were Commissioners Gladys Spellman, who made the motion, Francis Francois and M. Bayne Brooke. The other two commissioners were absent.

that nursing homes have to be located in quiet neighborhoods and that such homes have few visitors — hence traffic is minimal.

Ad Hoc Committee

The proposal for an ad hoc committee followed the suggestion of the GHI board of directors, which at its Jan. 9 meeting unanimously voted to oppose the nursing home. GHI president Charles Schwan told the council that in the event the county commissioners deny the petition, GHI was prepared to work with the Church and the city to explore all possibilities and to find some use for the property that would be the least disadvantageous all around.

Under the council proposal, made by Gerald Gough, the ad hoc committee would consist of two members of the city's Advisory Planning Board, two members of the Lutheran Church, two councilmen (ex-officio), two GHI members, one member of the city's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and one member of Citizens for a Planned Greenbelt. Initial appointments by Smith included Gough and Pilski from city council, Lawrence Goldberger and Steve Polaschick from APB, and John Churchill from PRAB.

Civic Views

Before taking a vote, council heard opposition to the special exception from the APB, GHI, (continued page 7, col. 4)

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WHEN THE SIREN BLOWS

JANUARY, 1969

by Sgt. Paul Leibe

As anyone who celebrated the coming of the New Year in Greenbelt will remember, the City's largest and loudest noisemaker made note of the arrival of 1969 at the stroke of twelve.

And this year promises to show many changes and improvements for the department: the new addition to the rear of the building is coming along, hampered at times by the weather, but making progress, just the same; a new piece of fire-fighting apparatus has been ordered, and should be arriving by the end of January; a new ambulance, to replace the Cadillac, has also been ordered, and delivery is expected shortly after the new pumper makes its debut; and, due to a change in the operation of our neighboring company, Berwyn Heights, this year will see our fire department responding in a larger over-all area on initial alarms.

On the evening of January 1, the newly elected and appointed officers were sworn in, and assumed their individual and combined jobs of operating the fire department both as a protective organization and as a community organization.

The first community function sponsored by the department this year was the Annual Christmas Tree Burning, on January 4. Almost 400 trees were deposited for the bonfire. Just before the fire, a demonstration was given to show how a decorative evergreen can become a blazing torch in a matter of seconds.

This demonstration is an example of the reason behind our Annual Tree Burning: to remove all the old, dying trees from the residences, and to dispose of them in a safe way, before they have a chance to burn in someone's living room or den.

Fire prevention is stressed each year at Christmas time, due to the excessive amount of lights, wrapping paper, ribbon, and assorted decorations. But when the holidays end, each individual should keep a vigilant watch for fire hazards.

Our (and your) fire department and rescue squad stays in operation because some people let their vigilance lapse; there are things within a home that may appear to be safe, but are actually quite lethal. Frayed wires, over-loaded extension cords, "penny" fuses, oily rags, and loose matches, to name but a few are the things to look for.

We, the members of the fire department & rescue squad, are willing to give our time to anyone who needs help when disaster strikes. But we would rather see each of you set aside one hour and make a really complete check of your home, to look for these potential dangers, and then eliminate them, BEFORE there is a need for us.

So, in this new year, let's all make a resolution to be on the alert, and eliminate any and all hazardous conditions in the home.

Parkdale PTA

About 35 girls and boys will perform a few gymkana routines at the Jan. 21 PTA meeting at Parkdale Senior High School on Good Luck Rd. in Riverdale. At 8 p.m., PTA president John Brown will open the business meeting. The first Parkdale budget will be submitted by Committee Chairman and PTA vice-president David Cottrill.

Highlighting the February meeting will be a panel discussion on PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) led by Jim Kern, helping teacher at Parkdale.

GHI Homes Lose Heat

Some 240 Greenbelt families were without heat Saturday night and Sunday when a GHI boiler plant was flooded after a water main burst. The failure of heat was not noticed until about midnight Saturday, some two or three hours after the flooding occurred. From that time until heat was restored Sunday evening, the Police Dept. received about 400 calls from shivering citizens. (Emergency calls for GHI during non-business hours are routed through the Police Dept.)

With the aid of the county office of Civil Defense, which supplied cots, GHI arranged for temporary housing facilities in the Community Church. The city also agreed to make space available in municipal buildings if that should become necessary. However, according to City Manager James K. Giese, no one chose to utilize the warmer quarters offered to them in the public buildings. Apparently most families preferred to bundle up warmly and wait out the freeze in their own homes.

This was not the first instance of Greenbelt homes being without heat during the recent cold spell. Furnace trouble was reported at 2 Northway during the Christmas holidays, and several GHI courts ran out of fuel oil due to a problem attributed to the oil company. The Youth Center also was without fuel oil for the same reason during the weekend of Jan. 4.

Junior Highlights

by Santa DiLavore

Classwork isn't the only kind of schoolwork going on at Greenbelt Junior High. A fourth addition is being built onto the school because of overcrowding. The present school building has 34 classrooms and 5 temporary classrooms. The current student enrollment is 1076, and it is expected to rise to 1146 by September 1969.

The portion of the addition facing Greenbelt Road contains 14 classrooms, a new cafeteria, and a shop room. Alterations within the present structure will convert 8 classrooms into 4 labs, the cafeteria into a new library, and the old library into 3 classrooms. The temporary classrooms will be removed, and the total number of classrooms will then be 48.

On the north side of the gymnasium, a new administrative suite is being built containing offices for the principal and two vice-principals, four guidance offices, a large general office, a conference room, and a health suite.

The McAlister and Schwartz Company is building the addition, and the set target date for completion is September 1969.

Ronald Fluke, who has been a physical education teacher at G.J.-H.S. for the past five years has resigned to take a job with an insurance company. Mr. Fluke started a wrestling program at the school, and last year his wrestling team won the district championship. Mitchell Hoffman, a graduate of the University of Maryland, will be the new physical education teacher. Mr. Hoffman did his student teaching with Mr. Fluke last semester.

The normal level of student absence is five percent, but the week before Christmas vacation it reached a peak of fifteen percent. Absences among the faculty reached a high of nine out of sixty. After Christmas vacation, the absences tapered off almost to normal.

City Notes

The Recreation Dept. has been assigning an attendant to the lake every afternoon after school and during the weekends to supervise ice skating. The attendant provides a fire and keeps rescue equipment available. This year, however, because of the low level of water in the lake, skating has been less dangerous than usual. The weakest ice is along the shoreline, where the water is most shallow. The deep water near the spillway, where the current keeps the water open, has previously been a source of concern to city officials; but this year the low water level has removed this source of danger.

The Public Works crew, taking advantage of the ice, did a clean-up job on the lake, removing debris thrown aside by skaters and other people. Removing it from the surface of the ice was a good deal easier, the city felt, than dredging it off the lake bottom at some future time.

The Public Works Dept. also collected a good many discarded Christmas trees and had them processed through the city's new mulching machine. The mulch acquired in this way has been used around newly planted trees in Boxwood, as well as in the vicinity of the concession stand at the lake park.

During the past week the city crew has installed guard rails in the north parking lot to protect trees in the island against car bumpers. They have also patched chuckholes in various streets throughout the city.

On January 6, when a light snow fell, the city crew spread 18 tons of salt on the streets. Enough salt still remained the next morning to keep streets thawed during a freezing rain.

In an attempt to have the tennis courts ready by the arrival of warmer weather, asphalt was being poured this week around the fence posts. Installation of posts to support the nets and painting of lines are still to be done.

Gas service was installed at the new Municipal Services Building last week, and the parking lot and rear lot of the building were graded. Workmen inside the building took care of various interior details.

The foundation has been poured for the new addition to the Firehouse, and about two feet of wall has been constructed above the foundation.

Mayor Edgar L. Smith and the city manager attended a legislative dinner on January 16, held by the Prince Georges Municipal Association for county delegates to the state legislature.

Many favorable comments have been received by the city concerning the special trash trailer, which was located in the north parking lot during the holiday season. It was hauled away three times for emptying during the two-week interval.

With many employees taking leave during the holiday period—either for illness or for vacations—the city crew concentrated mainly on routine maintenance and trash collection. There were several jobs for the city's mechanic on police vehicles, including major transmission work on one police car. The city's Christmas decorations were removed on January 2. Any Christmas trees picked up by the Public Works crew since the official tree burning at the Fire House will be reduced by the new brush chipper machine purchased by the city this summer.

G.C.S. Delegation Meets

Paul Moehn will speak at the Greenbelt Delegation Meeting to be held Monday, Jan. 20, 8:15 p.m. in the Greenbelt Hospitality Room above the Coop Store. Also, Louis Norwood, Chairman of the Consumer Advisory Committee of the G.C.S. Congress, will discuss the recent survey made at all the Consumer Service Markets.

Members of G.C.S. are urged to attend. Shoppers and friends are also cordially invited to be present. Plans for the Annual Area dinner will be formulated.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on January 20, 1969, the Thirty-seventh President of the United States of America, Richard Milhouse Nixon, will be inaugurated; and

WHEREAS, this inauguration will mark the fortysixth time that a president will have taken office after being selected by the people of this country through its democratic processes; and

WHEREAS, this inauguration will mark the beginning of the 181st anniversary of the history of this country under the leadership of a president as established by our great Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the inauguration of Richard Milhouse Nixon will also mark the end of the devoted service of Lyndon Baines Johnson to his country as the Thirty-sixth President, now therefore

I, Edgar L. Smith, Mayor of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, do hereby proclaim Inauguration Day, January 20, 1969, to be a day of thanksgiving and rejoicing and for honoring the Office of the President of the United States and the man who now assumes the overwhelming burden of responsibility of that office. I urge every citizen of Greenbelt to give thanks that our free and democratic government is once more undergoing a peaceful change of leadership based upon the expressed will of its citizens. I urge all Greenbelters to rejoice for the privilege of being in this great democracy.

Furthermore, on behalf of the citizens of Greenbelt and its Council, I hereby express to The Honorable Richard Milhouse Nixon and to the new Vice-President, Spiro T. Agnew, our best wishes for their successful administration of the government of these United States.

Lastly, on behalf of the citizens of Greenbelt and its Council, I hereby express their thanks and appreciation to the Honorable Lyndon Baines Johnson for his many years of devoted service to his country and, in particular, for his service as President during the past six years.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland to be affixed this 15th day of January, 1961

Fire Prevention Tip For January

by J. G. Wenrich

Destructive fire is like a branding iron, leaving an indelible imprint upon the life of each person it touches.

Long after flames have been distinguished, embers have cooled, and smoke has drifted away, the deep hurts of fire remain. These hurts—physical, emotional, financial—can be agonizing and permanent.

Estimates by the National Fire Protection Association indicate that a total of more than 2½ million fires in the United States and Canada last year killed more than 12,500 persons and destroyed property valued at nearly 2 billion dollars.

Dwelling fires alone annually hurt over a half million families who lose homes, personal treasures, and other possessions they may have spent a life-time acquiring. Most tragic of all, nearly 7,000 Americans — A THIRD OF THEM ARE CHILDREN — lose their most precious possession, life itself, as the result of fires in one and two family houses.

Fire hurts outside the home, too. Fires in a warehouse, factory, office or a store can interrupt or abruptly end activities upon which literally millions of people rely for employment and income.

ONLY when everyone practices fire prevention at all times, in all places, are ugly and unwanted fires avoided. ONLY THEN, are the hurts of fire significantly reduced.

Adelbert C. Long

Former Greenbelt, Adelbert C. Long, 63, chief of the work and training program at the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, died in Sibley Hospital Wednesday after a stroke. His home was at 3217 Patterson St., N.W.

The Longs moved to Greenbelt in 1942. He served on the G.H.I. board from 1953 to 1957 and for many years wrote a lively column, "The Long View" for the News Review. An active member of several national welfare associations, he was considered an expert in the fields of child labor and re-training hard-core unemployed.

Mr. Long's first wife, the former Patricia Mary Quigley, died four years ago. He leaves his wife, Mary, four daughters, two step-daughters, four sons, two step-sons and nine grandchildren.

Greenbelt Community Church

(United Church of Christ)
Hillside & Crescent Roads
The Rev. Robert L. Field, Pastor
474-6171

Sun: 9:30 a.m. - Grade 5 and 6 Church Class. Adult Bible Class.
10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship Service with Rev. Field preaching.
"God's Adjusted Will".
Child Care - 2-B Hillside Nursery - Fellowship Center Kindergarten - Fellowship Center
Primary - Social Hall

9:45 A.M. Sunday School 6:00 P.M. Training Union
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship 7:00 P.M. Evening Worship
Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. - Prayer Meeting

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

Crescent & Greenhill S. Jasper Morris, Jr., Pastor 474-4040

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

(Mowatt Memorial) 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Md. 20770
Rev. Wm. E. Ravenscroft, Pastor Telephone: 474-9410
Church School 9:30 A.M.
(3rd grade thru adults)
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
(Nursery with classes thru 2nd grade)

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

22 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Maryland, GR 4-4477
Edward H. Birner, Pastor. GR 4-9200
WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 a.m.
WEEKDAY NURSERY



New Estimate for Area Population by 2000AD

Metropolitan Washington's population by the year 2000 will be between 6.7 and 8.9 million persons instead of the previous estimate of 5.3 million, according to a report received in January by the Council of Governments, a regional association in the Washington area of which Greenbelt is a member.

A consultant's report says the area population is growing at a rate between 30 and 70 percent higher than planning estimates. If this trend continues, the metropolitan population in 1960 could be doubled by 1975 and the 1960 suburban population could be doubled by 1972.

The preliminary report was prepared by the planning firm of Hammer, Greene, Siler Associates as part of a COG project to provide general guidelines and data for more detailed planning. The preliminary report said the figures represent "potential growth that can be anticipated . . . based on an extension of pertinent trends and anticipated developments over the period 1970-2000."

The report said the figures are "not necessarily predictions" but are instead projected ranges of probable growth in population and the regional economy.

COG Executive Director Walter A. Scheiber, in transmitting the report to the COG Board of Directors, called the projections "truly striking." He said that metropolitan Washington, with a current population estimated at 2.8 million, is the fastest growing major metropolitan area in the United States.

Implications of Projections

"The implications of these projections have major significance for all of our local governments and for COG," Scheiber said. "They mean we are going to have more people and more jobs sooner than we have been expecting."

They also mean, he said, that area local governments "will have to plan more and bigger public facilities and service programs.

New ORT Chapter to Meet

The new Springhill Lake Chapter of the Womens American Organization for Rehabilitation and Training will hold a meeting on Jan. 28, 1969 at 8 p.m. in the new Community Room in the Springhill Lake Shopping Center. This is a brand new chapter, and all interested women of the community are invited to attend. At this meeting, Mrs. Marlene Mollerick will give a fascinating cosmetics demonstration. For further information, call Iris Barron, 474-6421.

They mean we will receive more revenues, but we will have to spend more than we have planned. They will have a major impact on the planning programs here at COG and within our local governments."

The consultant's report said the preliminary projections suggest "the time frame of the Year 2000 Plan may now be out of phase with the physical development of the metropolitan area. It suggests further that the . . . growth planned for by 2000 may need to be accommodated by 1985-90."

In employment, the report said the number of jobs in the region had risen from 818,687 in 1960 to 1.1 million in 1969, an increase of 40 percent. Jobs have increased faster than population over that period. By the year 2000, the area is expected to contain 2.5 million jobs.

Gains in Federal jobs led this growth, but private suburban employment is changing the regional picture sharply and is expected to be more significant than Federal employment in future patterns, according to the report.

From 1960 to 1965, the consultant firm said, the Washington area accounted for about two-thirds of all net migration to the metropolitan areas of the Middle Atlantic states. The U.S. Bureau of the Census estimates 30 million more people will be living in the Middle Atlantic states by the year 2000, with 85 percent of this in metropolitan areas, chiefly Washington, New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Baltimore.

Peace Corps Placement Test to be held Jan. 18

Greenbelt area residents interested in putting their skills to use in developing nations around the world are invited to take the Peace Corps Placement Test at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 18 at 1900 E St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

The Peace Corps uses the Placement Test to determine how an applicant can best be utilized overseas. The test measures general aptitude and the ability to learn a language, not education or achievement. The test requires no preparation and is non-competitive; an applicant can neither pass nor fail.

Persons interested in serving with the Peace Corps must fill out an Application, if they have not already done so, and present it to the tester before the test. Application forms are available from post offices or from the Peace Corps in Washington, D.C. 20525.

Fifteen thousand Volunteers are currently serving in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands, working with the people of those nations in self-help projects ranging from food production to health to education. More Volunteers are needed for

The Police Blotter

On January, a young mother was accosted near Springhill Lake Apartments. As she was pushing her baby in a stroller along a wooded path at about 5:30 p.m., the stroller became stuck in the mud. The woman was attempting to free the stroller when a Negro man in his twenties armed with a short bladed knife came up to her and ordered her to lie down on the ground. Before she could do so, a group of children approached from farther down the path. When he noticed the children, the man fled. A search for him was fruitless. The police, who have put out an area-wide lookout for the subject, report that a day later Prince Georges County Police recorded a similar case near Chillum.

Chief Lane had a visitor from the Army on January 7—Major-General Gustason, the Provost Marshal. They discussed mutual problems and cooperation. At the general officers meeting on January 8, Chief Lane and City Manager James Giese spoke to the men concerning continued improvement of the department.

programs which will begin this spring and summer.

Recreation Review

Adult Arts and Crafts: A new adult arts and crafts class will begin on Tuesday morning Jan. 21 and will be held from 10 a.m. to noon each Tuesday for five weeks. Techniques in home decorations and other media will be taught.

Winter Swimming: A new winter swimming session will begin Jan. 26. All interested persons should call Mrs. Jones at 474-6001 for further information.

Karate: Karate classes will be offered as part of the Recreation Department's regular program, for women and youth of the City. Call the Recreation Department for further information.

Men's Open Gym: Men's open gym on Monday evenings will remain open until 11 p.m. to help accommodate more persons. Feel free to come on down. Remember, we are open till 11 p.m. on Monday evenings only.

Greenbelt Chess Club: Anyone interested in joining the Greenbelt Chess Club for Men can join by calling 474-6878 for details.

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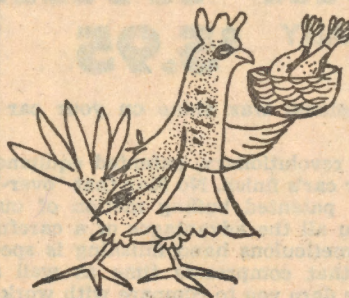
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Eva Garin, 29 Lakeside, is the newly-elected president of the Sigma Delta Tau Sorority at the University of Maryland. Eva is a junior majoring in the field of languages.

Back in Greenbelt temporarily are Captain and Mrs. Jerad Justice and their daughter, Laura. Formerly residing in Fort Devens, Massachusetts, they are now living at Fort Holobird (Baltimore). Mrs. Justice, the former Anne Eanes, is the daughter of Mrs. Gretchen Eanes, 11-B Laurel.

Birthday greetings to Jo Ann Tollison, 1 Pinecrest, who celebrates her tenth birthday today.

Private Michael F. O'Connor, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. O'Connor, 9130 Springhill Lane, was honored upon graduation from basic combat training at the U.S. Army Training Center (USATCI), Infantry, Fort Benning, Georgia. He was awarded a plaque and the USATCI Certificate of Achievement recognizing his selection as outstanding trainee of Company D, 4th Battalion, 1st Brigade. He will be stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma for advanced individual training. Private O'Connor earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in philosophy from Brown University.

Sergeant Leonard J. Randall, son of Mrs. Helen E. Supple of 18-A Crescent Road, is on duty at Phan Rang AB, Vietnam. Sergeant Randall, an aircraft mechanic, is a member of the Pacific Air Forces.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip W. Harris, 13X Hillside Drive, have announced the birth of a son, Randall Dietrich Harris on January 9. The newcomer joins two sisters, Sharyl Jeanne and Elizabeth Anne, and a brother, Phillip Wayne, Jr.

In town for a short visit is Councilman Francis White's brother, Richard L. White, who is manager of the IBM Branch in Honolulu.

Boilerman Third Class Stephen E. German, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin A. German, 23-M Ridge, spent the Christmas and New Years holidays in Athens, Greece. He is serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Independence with the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean. The carrier is scheduled to stop at Palma, Spain, before returning home to Norfolk, Va., in late January.

Airman Raymond V. Blankenship, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Blankenship, 7812 Lakecrest Drive, has completed basic training

BOXWOOD CIVIC ASSOC. SELECTS NEW OFFICERS

At their Dec. 4, 1968 meeting, the Boxwood Civic Association elected the following officers for the new year: Pres., George Matthews; V. Pres., Austin Green; Treas., R. Simko; Corr. Sec., Joseph Saunders; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Billie Rickstatter.

at Lackland AFB, Tex. He has been assigned to Keesler AFB, Miss., for training in communications electronics systems.

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BOY SCOUT TROOP 746 BEGINS ANOTHER YEAR

Scoutmaster Al Cousins reports 59 registered boys in Troop 746 at Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church. He told the Troop Committee that during the past year 65% of the boys advanced at least one rank and 50% of the boys have attained the rank of First Class or higher. Sixty percent of the boys camped at least 10 days and nights and 85% attended long-term camp.

The committee thanked retiring chairman George Cantwell for his years of service. Carl Bond was elected to be the new Committee Chairman with James Wright as Vice-chairman. Lee Hendrix was named transportation chairman and will also chair the Annual Fund Drive Committee. George King will continue as treasurer for the committee and Ruth Dee will be secretary. Catherine Kiddy will be publicity chairman.

The committee expressed warm appreciation to Mr. Cousins for his wonderful dedication as Scoutmaster. They also thanked Mr. Ralph Noble who continues as Institutional Representative for the Troop.

The Troop will hold a Court of Honor on Friday, Feb. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the church. All parents are urged to attend. The Committee asks the cooperation of all parents of boys in the Troop carrying out the scouting program.

6 STEPS TO SAFER WINTER DRIVING

By Professor A. H. Easton
Director, Motor Vehicle Research Laboratory
University of Wisconsin

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4. Have good tires with good treads. Better yet, use snow tires which provide half again as much pulling power in snow as regular tires. Studded snow tires offer still more help on icy surfaces.

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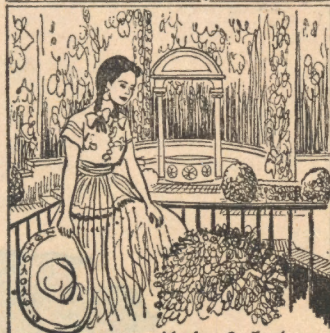
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as a way of obtaining money for capital improvements. Counsel Allen Ginsberg has suggested that a separate loan agreement might be agreed to by F.N.M.A. Chairman Schwan and Smith were not sanguine about F.N.M.A.'s cooperation. Darwin Beck, from the floor, suggested that if a loan were to be negotiated it would be good to proceed soon in view of fast rising interest rates.

A recent oil heat failure, which resulted in about one hundred phone calls from residents to the city police department, prompted Manager Roy Breashears to propose setting up some kind of a telephone answering service to take maintenance calls at night. Details of the heating breakdown, and of the staff effort to repair it, will be included in a forthcoming G.H.I. Newsletter.

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CFPG, and individual citizens. The APB, in its report #84, based its opposition on the fact that the special exception involves a change in the use of the land — from church purposes to that of a large profit-making commercial operation — and on the fact that special exceptions for nursing homes of such density should be granted only in residential areas of high density — such as R-10, R-18, or high-rise zoning.

The APB noted that the revised Area 13 master plan calls for development of this property and the adjacent 25 acres of vacant land (parcel 2) as townhouses (R-T) with a limit on density of about 10 units per acre. The APB suggested that if the owners of the vacant land saw that R-T density would not be successful because of the existence of a nursing home, they might seek zoning for higher density. The APB also mentioned objections of some persons to having certain types of institutions, associated with morbidity, built near their residences.

City Manager James Giese presented comparative statistics on the number of persons involved if the 5 acres were developed as nursing home, R-T, or R-30 (14 units per acre). The nursing home would have 200 patients plus a minimal 10-15 service employees; R-T would accommodate about 173 persons; and R-30 about 188.

The APB did acknowledge that the proposed nursing home had some positive aspects — an attractive structure, increased tax revenue for the city, and employment possibilities for Greenbelters.

The GHI recommendations to council bolstered the arguments of APB and also mentioned the unfavorable impact of a nursing home because of noise and traffic problems and possible depreciation of nearby property.

Individual citizens made the same points. One citizen felt that the Church property was really communal property and should not be sold at a profit. It is reported that the developer offered \$115,000 for the 3-acre tract, a major portion of which is for the church building, which will be partly saved and used in conjunction with the nursing home.

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